



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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TO: Parties and Intervenors and Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director *SDP/EXE*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 272** - The Connecticut Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction of a new 345-kV electric transmission line and associated facilities between the Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and the Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a technical session on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, at the Institute of Technology and Business Development, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), 185 Main Street, in New Britain. These hearings will be held between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to address several issues related to the above-referenced proceeding, including a discussion to guide the Council in determining the criteria relative to the term "buffer zone" as contained in Public Act 04-246, An Act Concerning Electric Transmission Line Siting Criteria.

The following agenda is proposed for the Wednesday, September 8, technical session:

A. Motions including responses and comments on the motions.

- Towns of Durham and Wallingford July 23, 2004 Motion to update Council's Best Management Practices (BMP) for Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) and apply such updated BMP of EMF to consolidated hearings. [The motion to reconsider and reverse Docket No. 217, and consolidate hearings of Docket Nos. 217 and 272 will not be subject for action. These motions will be placed on a future Council Energy/Telecommunications Agenda meeting.]
- The Towns of Woodbridge, Milford, Orange, Cheshire, Wallingford, Durham, and Middlefield Objection, dated August 12, 2004 to Office of Consumer Counsel request for discovery dated July 29, 2004.
- The Town of Durham Motion to Compel dated July 29, 2004.
- Applicant's Motion for a Protective Order.

B. Procedures for oral argument of the Council's draft Opinion.

C. Update on Reliability and Operability Committee (ROC) Group and KEMA studies.

D. Public comment on "buffer zone." (Public Act 04-246) NOTE: This portion of the agenda will be reserved for the afternoon portion of the day, beginning at 1:00 PM. Persons wishing to speak during this time period are advised that the Council's primary interests relate to practical comments as to how this statute should be applied. For example, should the "buffer zone" be established as a milligauss reading, distance from right-of-way, etc. The Council may limit the time permitted for making statements and may ask questions or clarification of remarks.

Subsequent to the technical session, the Council will direct the applicant as to the format for electric and magnetic field mapping.

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